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MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378 (c))**

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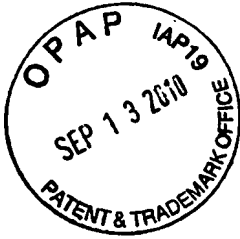
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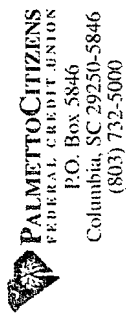
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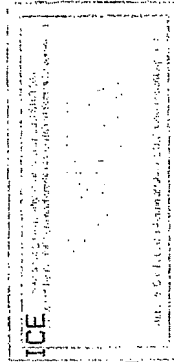
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September 5, 2010

Hello, Mrs. Johnson I would like to thank you for your expertise in this matter concerning Patent number 6,289,896. Mrs. Johnson as I informed you earlier I did send my maintenance fee payment out to the United States Patent And TradeMark Office before my expiration of September 18, 2009. I have a reference number of my call to Michael in the maintenance fee office on September 16, 2009 which is reference number 1-14981224 please review the call. While my lack of knowledge is no excuse, I followed the instructions given to me by Michael to send my payment to the St. Louis P.o Box, but he failed to give information in regards to the 512 certificate of mailing or transmission. With knowledge of this requirement, I would not have made that mistake. Under these circumstance, I hope you can find reason to reinstate patent number 6,289,896. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter this is my letter of filing a unintentionally delayed payment of maintenance fees.

Regards,
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